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TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: James E. Rier, Jr., Commissioner*

DATE: June 11, 2014

SUBJECT: Consideration of the Review Team Report of Findings Concerning the Application from Husson University for Renewal of State Program Approval of its Educator Preparation Programs

BACKGROUND: Husson University submitted an application for renewal of current State program approval to offer the following programs:

Undergraduate Programs:

- Elementary Education
- Physical Education
- Secondary Education (with concentrations in English Language Arts, Life Science and Physical Science)
- Educational Studies – Career and Technical Education
- Health Education

Graduate Program:

- Master of School Counseling

From noon Sunday, March 30 through noon Wednesday, April 2, 2014 the Review Team members met on the Husson University campus in Bangor to thoroughly assess the School of Education's degree programs. Following this visit the Team compiled its Report of Findings that summarizes what the Team found. A copy of the Husson University School of Education's Self-Study Report and the Review Team's Report of Findings were distributed for receipt by State Board members during the Board's May 14, 2014 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education accept the Review Team's Report of Findings and grant renewal of state program approval to the following Husson University educator preparation programs: Elementary Education (K-8); Physical Education (K-12); Secondary Education (7-12 in English Language Arts, Life Sciences, and Physical Sciences); Health Education (K-12); the post-baccalaureate certification programs in Elementary Education (K-8) and Secondary Education (7-12 in English Language Arts, Life Sciences, and Physical Sciences); and the Master of School Counseling Program.

Because the Board granted these programs a six-month extension of state program approval in 2013 the state program approval cycle for all of these programs would be for a four-and-a-half-year period from the spring 2014 to the of fall 2018.

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